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SUBJ: VISIT OF MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA

REF: A. STATE 60101

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1. SUMMARY: SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION DURING ECHEVERRIA'S APRIL 10-13 VISIT TO FRANCE DEALT MOSTLY WITH PROSPECTS FOR INCREASED FRENCH INVESTMENT IN MEXICO. FRANCE AGREED TO EXTEND NEW CREDITS TO MEXICO, MOSTLY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SUBWAY, AND AGREED TO ADHERE TO PROTOCOL II, TREATY OF TLATELOLCO. GOF EXPRESSED HOPE FOR PASSAGE "CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES" AT UNGA AND FOR GREATER CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL RELATIONS WITH MEXICO. TERRITORIAL SEA AND FISHING RIGHTS NOT DISCUSSED. END SUMMARY.

2. FONOFF SOURCE (DEPUTY DIRECTOR LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS) APRIL 12 DESCRIBED MAJOR TOPIC SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION
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BETWEEN ECHEVERRIA AND POMPIDOU AS POSSIBILITY FOR INCREASED FRENCH INVESTMENT IN MEXICO IN FORM OF MIXED COMPANIES PRODUCING GOODS FOR EXPORT TO FRENCH MARKET. SOURCE COMMENTED THAT WHILE THIS IS LAUDABLE AIM, IT NOT LIKELY TO CURE MEXICAN TRADE DEFICIT WITH FRANCE IN NEAR FUTURE. SOURCE ALSO STATED THAT ECHEVERRIA'S ENTHUSIASM FOR TRAINING YOUNG MEXICAN TECHNICIANS IN FRENCH INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES WAS LIKELY TO ENCOUNTER PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES IN IMPLEMENTATION. HE DID NOT FORESEE MAJOR PROGRESS IN EITHER FIELD.

3. ON PLUS SIDE GOF AGREED TO SIGN NEW PROTOCOL EXTENDING FURTHER FINANCIAL CREDITS TO MEXICO, MOSTLY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PORTION MEXICAN SUBWAY, DESIGN OF WHICH DRAWS SUBSTANTIALLY ON PARIS SUBWAY SYSTEM. GOF ALSO AGREED TO SIGN PROTOCOL II TREATY OF TLATELOCO (PARIS 10409).

4. APART FROM TWO MEETINGS WITH POMPIDOU, ECHEVERRIA APPEARED BEFORE THE ACADEMY OF MORAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES, THE FRENCH ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS (PATRONAT) AND UNESCO, BEFORE ALL OF WHICH HE URGED GREATER ACCESS OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES TO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY, AND GREATER PARTICIPATION IN DECISIONS AFFECTING INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND MONETARY MATTERS.

5. ON APRIL 11 ECHEVERRIA MET IN PRIVATE WITH GENERAL JUAN PERON. AT PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING CONVERSATIONS, PERON STATED THAT SUBJECT MATTER WAS UNITY OF LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS IN DEALING WITH REST OF WORLD, PARTICULARLY THE U. S. PERON CLAIMED HE AND ECHEVERRIA FOUND THEMSELVES IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON SUBJECTS DISCUSSED. ECHEVERRIA MADE NO STATEMENT TO PRESS FOLLOWING MEETING.

6. VISIT WAS HEAVILY LARDED WITH CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING DEDICATION OF TWO STATUES AND VISITS TO INVALIDES AND RESIDENCE OF VICTOR HUGO. GOF ACCORDED ECHEVERRIA RED CARPET TREATMENT AND PRESS GAVE FULL COVERAGE TO ALL DETAILS OF VISIT. FONOFF SOURCE CONCLUDED RESUME OF VISIT BY STATEMENT THAT ALTHOUGH VISIT INSPIRED PURELY BY COURTESY, HE BELIEVED IT WENT OFF WELL AND THAT ECHEVERRIA WAS PLEASED WITH RESULTS.

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